

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 3-8-88FULL NAME BUFORD HERBERT BJORKLUND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY HOUSTON STATE TX ZIP CODE 77090DATE OF BIRTH 3-9-44 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY AMERICANOCCUPATION TRAVEL AGENT AMERICAN EXPRESS

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 220 HEIGHT 6'3" RACE WHITECOLOR OF HAIR BLONDE COLOR OF EYES BLUEOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS DIABETIC, VERY LARGE MANMARRIED OR SINGLE DIVORCED CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ (DIVORCED) (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

## SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
3241	Houston	Tx	Unit Leader	3/1/87	Nov. 18, 1987

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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F. STARON

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

[REDACTED]

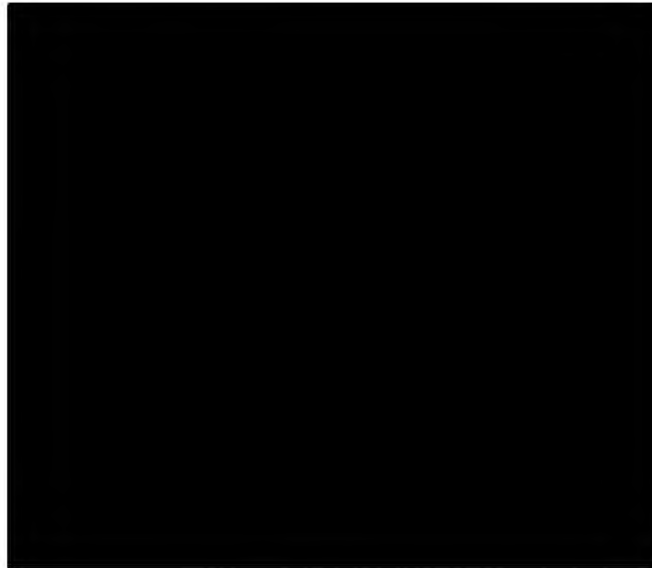
28 '88  
L. ANGLIMSigned [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVECouncil SAM HOUSTON AREA





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1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079



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# HYATT LEGAL SERVICES

6405 Antoine  
Houston, Texas 77091

March 14, 1988

Sam Houston Area Council  
Attn: Roger A. Ohmstede  
Boy Scouts of America  
[REDACTED]

Houston, Texas 77052-0786

RE: Letter dated November 19, 1987

Dear Mr. Ohmstede:

Please be informed that I am sending this on behalf of Mr. Buford E. Bjorklund, Jr. in response to the above referenced letter. In your letter you state that after careful review, you have decided that Mr. Bjorklund's registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. After consultation with Mr. Bjorklund it seems that he has not been informed as to any accusations, the content of those accusations, or who has made them. If indeed BSA membership registration is a privilege not automatically granted then there has to be some balancing factors whenever a disparaging accusation or remark is made concerning any member or potential member. When there is no such safeguard it leaves any decision as to membership to someone's fancy or whim with no recourse.

You have offered to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, and Mr. Bjorklund is to explain his version of the facts supporting his claim that his registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. It escapes me sir as to how he is to explain anything concerning matters he has not been fully informed about, as to their content or origin. He has been made aware that it has something to do with a legal matter he was involved with over four years ago. He has been asked by your organization to release information concerning that matter as being relevant to retaining his membership.

First, Mr. Bjorklund has no duty to provide you with records of any proceedings he was involved in, second they were not criminal but civil in nature, third they are totally irrelevant and immaterial to the question of his membership and registration with BSA. Finally, if you had really reviewed his membership registration you would have perhaps consulted your

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own legal counsel who probably may have informed you that most of it is a matter of public record and you could obtain copies if desired.

We have tried vigorously, since your letter, to obtain copies of your rules and regulations. It is appalling to inform you that a majority of your local staff and members did not know that such a publication existed and if it did where to find it. I finally obtained a copy from one of your Dallas Office Scout Shops. The whole episode of finding these rules and regulations leads one to wonder if they were followed at all when you carefully reviewed Mr. Bjorklund's registration.

However, in reviewing your Rules and Regulations, specifically the section on Denial of Registration, and Page 20 therein, it states that Article VIII, Section 1, of the Bylaws sets forth the right of BSA to set standards of membership and the procedure for maintaining those standards through denial of registration is expressed in a publication entitled Procedures for Maintaining Standards of Membership and Leadership. This publication which should spell out the proper way to impose denial on Mr. Bjorklund also is unattainable locally and from the Dallas Office.

It would seem that the very least protection or standard that Mr. Bjorklund or any member should be afforded would be a "Proper showing" which means the establishment by competent evidence that the individual has exhibited Intolerable personal conduct, (Article VIII, Section 4, Page 9).

One of the very things the Boy Scouts of America stands for fairness, has been ignored. Mr. Bjorklund is an asset to the BSA and the real persons hurt by your organization's action are the boys over whom he supervises including his son.

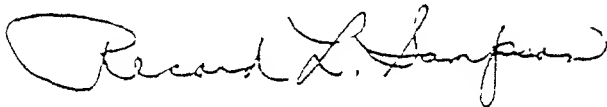
In conclusion, Mr. Bjorklund needs to be told why he has been denied registration, what he has been accused of, and by whom. If this is not done or if a satisfactory agreement can not be reached, I will have to advise him of his legal remedies and

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alternatives. I would hope that this situation could be resolved for the benefit of all parties concerned.

Sincerely,

HYATT LEGAL SERVICES



Record L. Sampson  
Attorney at Law

RLS/is

c: James R. Goldstein  
Director of Business Services

Earnest H. Cockrell  
Chairman of The Board

Carol Vance  
Legal Counsel

Dr. Richard L. Van Horn ✓  
Administration

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# ADULT APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—  
PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.

☒ PACK NO. 2241  
☐ TROOP NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ TEAM NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ SHIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION

OR

DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ FULLY  
TRAINED

FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

LAST NAME

B U F O R D H [redacted] B J O R K L U N D J A

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

[redacted]

DATE OF BIRTH

POSITION

0 5 0 9 4 4

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ADDITIONAL ADDRESS INFORMATION (if necessary)

[redacted]

MONTH DAY YEAR CODE

BOYS' LIFE

CHECK ONE

SEX

☒

☒ NEW LEADER

☐ FORMER LEADER

☒ M

ZIP CODE

CITY

STATE

H O U S T O N T X 7 7 0 9 0 -

CIRCLE B OR H

☒ B  
☐ H

PHONE

DATE

PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND

COUNCIL

TRAVEL AT ANGLERS [redacted] BAY B. [redacted]

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

SIGNATURE—SEE COVER

REGISTRATION FEE

BOYS' LIFE FEE

TERM (MONTHS)

UNIT RENEWAL DATE

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\$ . . .

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. . .

MONTH YEAR

APPROVAL—SEE COVER

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If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate, it will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE:  
TRANSFER FROM

COUNCIL

NAT'L UNIT NO.

MEMBER ID NO.

UNIT COPY

Copy to [redacted]



November 23, 1987

SUBJECT: Buford H. Bjorklund, Jr., sexual abuse charges

By: Jimmie Goldstein, Director of Business Services

On November 4, 1987, John McNamee told me of a problem uncovered by the Cubmaster of Pack 3241, Mike Sutton. Problem revolved around Buford H. Bjorklund an Assistant Webelos leader. The Cubmaster, Mike Sutton, had been informed by [REDACTED] that Mr. Bjorklund had sexually abused [REDACTED]. Sutton suggested I call [REDACTED] for further details. Sutton stated that he had heard that [REDACTED] had been [REDACTED]

He further stated the Harris County Children's Protective Service had been involved, the Magrill school counselor Miss Wilcox and that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All this happened four years

ago.

On November 10, 1986, I spoke with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had been a baby-sitter for [REDACTED] during the divorce of Buford and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] had related that [REDACTED] had sexually abused [REDACTED]. In particular [REDACTED] who she stated he kept like a baby and had the other children wait on [REDACTED] while courting [REDACTED] sexual favors. She further stated that Child Welfare was involved and that Mr. Bjorklund took his child [REDACTED] from the mother without her consent.

[REDACTED] who is a nurse also told [REDACTED] that her husband had been hospitalized in the past for mental illness and that he was living with another man in a homosexual relationship.

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On November 10th, Mr. Ohmstede called [REDACTED] Home and they would only say that [REDACTED] had been with them a little over a year. On November 11th I spoke to a contact I have at HPD. I specifically asked him to check with CPS regarding [REDACTED] and any past record Mr. Bjorklund might have. He reported back that he got no help except to verify that there was a file at CPS on the case. CPS is in turmoil currently, and they refuse to say anything without permission of the parties involved. It took my contact over a week to get the information.

On November 18th John McNamee, District Executive in Flaming Arrow District, met with [REDACTED], Principal of [REDACTED] Elementary School. [REDACTED] is an Eagle Scout and former staff member at Camp Strake. He also could give little information except to say that [REDACTED] was removed from his school. He never received confirmation from CPS as to the nature of [REDACTED] problems except that they were emotional. [REDACTED] states that granted Mr. Bjorklund's background, he would not want his son in a pack with Bjorklund as a leader. His words were that he's not leadership type. He stated that the Bjorklund divorce was common knowledge in the community and some of the problems related to the divorce were being talked about in the community. He further stated that [REDACTED] was picked up by authorities on a bad check charge.

On November 10th after discussing the case with Board Member Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen, Debra Duhs, BSA Risk Management and Paul Ernst, BSA Director of Registration, it was decided to suspend Mr. Bjorklund from BSA membership.

On November 20th a letter was delivered by James N. Goldstein and John McNamee to Mr. Bjorklund at American Express Travel Management where he works.

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Mr. Goldstein called before going over and received permission from Mr. Bjorklund to see him at his work place. After reading the letter he became angry and threatened to sue people talking about him. He mentioned a suit against [REDACTED] Home for five million dollars.

November 20th Nelson Block, Council Legal Counsel, was asked for help in getting divorce proceedings on [REDACTED]. We would like to talk with [REDACTED] attorney who could shed some light on matters. Nelson Block is aware of the case and has tried to get information from other contacts he has.

JNG/ad

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February 4, 1988

Mr. Roger A. Ohmstedt  
Scout Executive  
SAA Houston Area Council, No. 576

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Buford E. Bjorklund, Jr.

Dear Roger:

Last Fall we received information concerning the above-named individual. I then wrote on December 1, asking for a Confidential Record Sheet so that we could identify Mr. Bjorklund should he attempt registration in some other location.

I am enclosing another form which I would like to have completed with as much information as you have available. If you have a copy of an application with Mr. Bjorklund's signature, we would also like to have this to aid us in the identification process.

If any more information has come to your attention since that time, this also would be helpful.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Encl.

cc: South Central Region

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FEB 04 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

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December 1, 1987

Mr. Roger A. Ohmstede  
Scout Executive  
Sam Houston Area Council, No. 576

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Buford H. Bjorklund, Jr.

Dear Roger:

Thank you for the information you recently sent us concerning the above named individual. This is helpful to us in starting a file which will lead to refusal of future registration applications.

We are enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which we would like completed. This will give us the information necessary for identification of Mr. Bjorklund. We would also like an application with Mr. Bjorklund's signature, if available. This aids in the identification process.

Any information you have available will be helpful to us in strengthening our file.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

mdw

Enclosure

cc: South Central Region

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DEC 01 1987  
ERIN O'RILEY

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL # 576

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: JIMMIE GOLDSTEIN

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_

BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_

DIST. # \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSMITTAL # \_\_\_\_\_

FILM # \_\_\_\_\_

11-6-87

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SUBMITTER CAME IN TO OFFICE (FBI)

ABOUT

PTO PARK

BUFFORD #. BJORK LUND JAWL

HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED

WAS SEXUALLY ABUSED (PLACED  
IN A HOME)

ALLEGATION OF HOMOSEXUAL RELATION  
WITH ANOTHER ADULT

CNCL WILL SEND MORE INFO

R/S-433  
3/13/86-cTF-567r

*Added to CF  
files. Related  
from registration  
filed 11-19-87  
cm*

NAME P. Smith

DATE 11-18-87

TIME 3:15 PM

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